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Process for Producing Same

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Dear Sir:

An Office Action was issued on October 19, 2004. The present Response to Requirement for Election of Species is being submitted with the required one-month extension of time request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period of response to December 20, 2004 (December 19, 2004 fell on a Sunday making the response due the next business day, December 20, 2004). If any further extension of time or additional fees for the accompanying response are required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Deposit Account 50-2548.

In response to the requirement for the election of species, the Applicant hereby elects birds as the non-mammalian source animal. The Applicant hereby elects T cell antigens as the antigenic agent. Applicants' election of species is made herein without

prejudice to prosecute any other species of the present application as deemed necessary.

In light of the species elected herein by the Applicant, the claims readable thereon are claims 1-9, 21 and 22.

In summary, in view of the foregoing election of species, we respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are patentably distinct over the references cited by the Examiner and meet all other statutory requirements. We believe that the present Application is now in complete condition for allowance and, therefore, respectfully request the Examiner to allow this Application. We invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned should any issues remain after the consideration of this response. Please charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2548.

Respectfully requested,

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